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THE SWASTIKAS IN THE SYNAGOGUES

In the wake of Christmas (and Hannukah), the civilized world saw an onishing wave of anti-Semitism. It began on Christmas day, when the syna- ue in Koln, Germany, was daubed with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans, soon spread to points as far apart as New York City; Perth and Melbourne, stralia; Milan and Parma, Italy; and Athens, Greece. In England, swastikas eared in Leeds, Bournemouth and Bolton, and three Jewish members of liament received anonymous phone ls.

n Tel Aviv, the Zionist General ncil appealed for "urgent measures iproot vestiges of nazism." In Lon- the National Council for Civil erties called upon the public to sist the authorities in their efforts stamp out this evil." And in Bonn, mass-circulation newspapers called a vigilante type of counter-terror inst neo-Nazis, arguing that Nazi as can only be combated by Nazi- e methods.

Anti-Semitism is a very old disease, n of frustration and reflecting a p-seated sense of purposelessness. cking a positive aim, a creative se of direction, a *faith*, men find mselves a scapegoat to take out ir pent-up energies on. Even in ne of the proposals for combating i-Semitism there is an all too simi- element, bringing to mind the merci- sness of the Allied bombing of Dres- in World War II, for example.

Last year American soldiers caught Korean boy stealing at a U.S. mili- y base in Korea. They smeared the with tar, nailed him in a box and w him to an airfield twenty-five es away. The soldiers were punished erwards. This, like the wave of anti- nitism, is shocking because it is an lated incident.

Yet all such incidents -- and they too widespread for comfort -- can- merely be dismissed as the works of immature or evil individuals. We cannot fob off our responsibility so lightly. Are these not rather the symptoms of a disease that has infected our whole society? When the toy department has become an arsenal and the television screen a gunfighters' arena, who among us may cast a stone?

"Of course we have gas and bacteria more deadly than these things, but you know how the public feels about that."

A central insight common to both Judaism and Christianity is the "turning" of repentance -- "Depart from evil and do good." The way of God is to set an example for the offender, not to compound his offense by imitating him in retaliation. The evil of anti-Semitism is not a monster to be "stamped out," but the acute form of a sickness of persons who need the healing of love. There will be no more swastikas in holy places when we truly minister to the health of our society.

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Springfield Groups Feature Peace Issues in Store-Front Display

The Greater Springfield (Mass.) Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, together with local FOR and other groups, staged a store-front disarmament display that stopped many Christmas shoppers last month.

In one show window, to dramatize the effects of nuclear weapons tests, two cages of rats were exhibited, the rats in one cage having been radiated in laboratory experiments. The animals were supplied by biologist Tom Yost of Amherst College. In the same window were cartoons of the current world situation.

The other show window contained an exhibit of "Toys for Peace" -- dolls, puzzles, balls, fire engines -- and "Toys for Violence" -- machine guns, etc. -- with the question: "Which are appropriate for the Christmas season?" Key books were displayed with a poster recommending that citizens obtain them at the public library, and "Act for Disarmament" leaflets and other material were placed in a rack outside. Inside the store were publications of the sponsoring groups, dealing chiefly with the international crisis and nuclear weapons. A big sign bore the words, "Urge Total Disarmament."

FOR member Marvin Evers reports that the project received a good response and the local Sane group plans further action along similar lines in connection with the showing of the film, "On the Beach," at local theaters.

Pacifist Veteran Fights ROTC

Joseph Glynn, an FOR member who became a pacifist after four years in the U.S. Naval Air Service, has been carrying on a vigorous verbal battle against ROTC at Boston University where he is a graduate student in philosophy. In addition to writing a series of letters in the school newspaper which elicited a lengthy editorial on the subject, Glynn pitted himself against an Air Force ROTC recruiting team in November, distributing anti-militarist flyers to students gathered at the AFROTC table.

Glynn reports that, when students began walking away with his leaflets but not the Air Force's, the recruiting officer had to run after them to give them his "fact sheet." Earlier the Air Force man had been engaging in a bit of interservice rivalry with a Navy officer. When he handed the latter a fact sheet, saying, "This is what you're up against," Glynn handed him a flyer on conscientious objection and said, "You're up against this, too."

Eighty Arrested At British Missile Base

Eighty demonstrators were arrested and charged with obstructing the police on Jan. 2 at the Royal Air Force base at Harrington, England. Those arrested included 54 men and 26 women who sought to use methods of nonviolent obstruction to keep RAF vehicles from entering and leaving the base. The demonstration was organized by the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear Weapons. Over two hundred participants engaged in the project.

Most of the leaders of the Direct Action Committee were jailed last month for "inciting" the planned demonstration. Two of them, however, Chairman Micheal Randle and the Rev. Michael Scott, were in Africa engaging in the protest against French nuclear tests in the Sahara. The Harrington action was carried out by a standby committee who took the places of the jailed leaders a few hours after the latter were sentenced.

NEWS from the peace front

The Appeal and Vigil at Fort Detrick will be continued indefinitely, it was decided last month, owing to enthusiastic requests from previous participants and those who hope yet to come.

The Vigil, which is now in its seventh month, has its headquarters at 324 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland.

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In Lompoc, California, last month a group of pacifists engaged in a two-pronged effort to make Christmas meaningful. In a week-long program beginning on December 19, a local American Friends Service Committee team spent mornings collecting and sending blankets to be sent to Algerian refugees, and afternoons in a vigil against war preparations.

The vigil was conducted from 2 to 5 p.m. at nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base, with participants sitting quietly outside the main gate in what the group's leader, FOR member Ross Flanagan, called an effort to recapture "the original spirit of Christmas" in their own lives. There was no picketing and no civil disobedience. The vigil received front-page coverage in the local newspaper — and no opposition from Air Force personnel or local authorities. Another demonstration at Vandenberg AFB last year had been broken up with jets of water from fire hoses.

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A temporary order restraining the Chicago suburb of Deerfield from interfering with the construction of a non-racial housing development, was issued last month by Judge Joseph Sam Perry. Charges by the Progress Development Corporation, undertaking the housing project, pointed to obvious "subterfuge" in efforts by the village board, the village park district and two citizens associations to condemn and set aside for the 51-home development.

The Church Federation of Greater Chicago, supporting the PDC open-occupancy plan, urged village leaders to "re-examine Christ's Gospel and their own conscience" on the race-housing issue.

The Progress Development Corporation is a subsidiary of Modern Community Developers Inc. headed by FOR member Morris Milgram.

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Repeal of the Group Areas Act was demanded last month by a large majority vote in the Anglican Synod of Capetown, South Africa. The law, which segregates racial groups into different zones, was characterized as "un-Christian" and tyrannical."

In moving the Synod's resolution, the Rev. F. J. Rumsay said, "It is no use timidly to ask the government to carry out this inhuman measure in a humane way."

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A home in Tunisia to meet the desperate needs of Algerian refugee children, has been established by the Swiss Branch of the Service Civil International. The SCI, a peace-centered, voluntary service organization begun by FOR member Pierre Ceresole before World War II, has determined that to feed, clothe and educate one of the children (from 5 to 12 years-old) requires about 50¢ a day. The SCI hopes to raise enough money in the U. S. to support one child for one year. Donations should be sent to Robert Stowell, International Voluntary Service, Cabot, Vermont.

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Portrayals of world-wide efforts to solve the refugee problem are now available in 16mm films highlighting World Refugee Year. Produced by the National Council of Churches, the World Council, the United Nations and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, they provide moving documentaries of the refugee prob-

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lem and ways in which it is being alleviated. Churches and other groups wishing to borrow films should contact audio-visual departments of U.S. denominations and local audio-visual dealers.

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A petition urging "permanent end to the testing and production of nuclear weapons" was presented to John G. Diefenbaker, Canada's Prime Minister, by a new faculty-formed Committee for Nuclear Disarmament at the University of Toronto last November. The petition was signed by half the faculty and 2,500 students.

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The Georgia and Atlanta Councils on Human Relations last month denounced as "unjust" an attack by Gov. Ernest Vandiver on FOR member Martin Luther King Jr.

Vandiver said that King, who is moving to Atlanta, is "not welcome," and added that a "wave of crimes," including riot and destruction, followed in his wake. -- an allusion to King's leadership in the Montgomery (Ala.) bus boycott of 1956-7.

Such incrimination, the Councils said, "may be understood as an indirect threat to the person of a native Georgian as well as an invitation to violence by irresponsible citizens."

Dr. King is going to Atlanta in order to expand his work on a South-wide basis through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which he is president. He will also assist his father, who is pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church there.

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Immediate action to reject an "unpeaceful Army proposal" making chemical and biological weapons acceptable for U. S. use in case of war was urged by Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (D. Wis.) last month in a letter to President Eisenhower. Pointing to the proposal as a negation of an American "no-first-use" policy stated by President Roosevelt in 1943, Kastenmeier stressed that such weapons may "have no less horrible a consequence than the use of atomic or hydrogen weapons" and should be prohibited.

Kastenmeier noted that Soviet Premier Khrushchev has already taken the propaganda initiative in denouncing chemical and biological war.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5. First session of a 15-week course in "The Philosophy of Nonviolence" given by Professor Suboo Chandra Roy. Fridays, 6:20 to 8:00 p.m. at the New School for Social Research, 66 W. 12th St., N. Y. C.

February 5-7. AFSC Institute on "Search for New Directions" at Hudson Goul Farm, Andover, N. J. Anna Brinton Christopher Emmet, Father John H Luce, Ajai K. Mitra, Robert Gilmor Write American Friends Service Committee, 237 Third Avenue, New Yor 3, New York.

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